



Roger Otte

November 16, 1932 - November 22, 2016

Roger Otte, 84 years old, of Grand Island, Nebraska died on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 while visiting family in Orlando, Florida.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Christ Lutheran Church. Reverend Tom Schneider will officiate. Burial will be at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Military honors will be rendered by the U.S. Air Force and United Veteran's Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Roger was born at home in Sweetwater, Nebraska on November 16, 1932 to Louis and Sylvia (Berzina) Otte. He attended school in Ravenna, Nebraska. After high school, Roger joined the United States Air Force. He served the country for over 20 years as a flight engineer for open ocean search and rescue flights, and in communications. He then worked at New Holland Manufacturing as a machinist for 20 years.

He married Ardis Finwall on March 21, 1953 in Biloxi, Mississippi. They were married 63 years and lived in many places around the world including Mississippi, Texas, Alaska, California, Washington, and the Philippine Islands before settling in Grand Island. Roger also served several remote tours of duty while in the service.

Roger was as an elder at Christ Lutheran Church, taught Sunday school, and served in a variety of offices, including its Board of Elders. He was a man of passion, who loved God, his family, golf and politics. His sense of humor and zest for life were extraordinary. Roger had a gift for making everyone feel like

they were his favorite; his favorite kid, his favorite in-law, his favorite grandchild, his favorite golf partner. His children admired that he did not give unsolicited advice to them, but when his advice was sought, he gave his most thoughtful and honest response, whether it was what you wanted to hear or not. He was a model of how to live life to its fullest every day of your life. He is survived by his loving wife, Ardis, his sons Doug Otte (Tami), Bruce Otte (Kathleen), Andy Otte (Casie), his daughters Diane Holland (Martin), and Brenda McGowan (Tom). He was blessed with 20 grandchildren: Becky Herzog, Bryan Otte, Elizabeth Wright, Adam Otte, Nick Holland, Lara Holland, Kaitie Holland, Mandy McGowan, Erinn Johnston, Shanna Pugh, Mark Otte, Cassie Bianco, Haley Barry, Jacob Otte, Zach Otte, Matt Otte, Alex Otte, Joe Otte, Max Otte, and Samuel Otte. He had 10 great-grandchildren, with one on the way. He is also survived by a sister, Bonnie Ball. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvia and Louis Otte.

The service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, details to follow.

A memorial fund for Christ Lutheran Church preschool program has been established.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Otte*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Before I met Mr. Otte I had heard some great stories about him. I heard about him being a really good golfer who was in his 80's. I hoped I would meet him some day. Well, that day came a couple of years ago when I was playing in a Senior Golf Scramble in Cairo. He actually started a conversation with me and his wonderful personality showed immediately. We talked as if we were good old friends. I never had the privilege of playing golf with him. I wish I had. I also wish I had met him much sooner and got to know him better. He was everything and more I had heard about. My sincerest sympathy to his family.*

Carroll Brown

Carroll Brown - November 29, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ *Doug, sorry to hear of your dad's passing...thoughts and parayers to you and your family.*

Becky (VanWey) Janes - November 28, 2016 at 02:19 AM

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“ *Althea and Ron Prevost extend our deepest condolences to all of the Roger Otte family*

We know you will miss him, and so will we. Althea Has known Roger all her life and I only after our marriage some 58 years ago, Did get know and appreciate the values he place on family church and jobs.(and Golf)

Our visits to Nebraska were always enjoyable with Ardis and Roger.. Our short Cousins visit at our place in Arkansas is where we got know them even better.

. We will truly miss him..May he rest in peace.

Althea Ronald Prevost - November 27, 2016 at 02:32 PM